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UNCLAS COTONOU 1271

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SUBJECT: SAHELIAN DROUGH EMERGENCY: U.S. GRAIN

DELIVERIES THRU COTONOU PORT FOR NIGER

FOR AFR/CWR/SDE

1. ADO OFFICER TODAY INSPECTED COTONOU PORT WITH MR. COFFI,
DAHOMAN DIRECTOR OF THE LOCALLY OWNED TRANSIT COMPANY,
SACOTRA, WHICH HANDLES ALL US SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN THROUGH
COTONOU.

2. TO DATE, SOME 650 T OUT OF 2,000 T LANDED IN TEMA FROM THE
MAINE VICTORY HAVE BEEN BAGGED IN TEMA, DELIVERED TO COTONOU
BY TRUCK AND IMMEDIATELY LOADED ABOARD OCDN RAILROAD CARS
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FOR TRANSSHIPMENT TO NIGER. THE OPERATION IS MOVING MOST

EXPEDITIOUSLY.

3. OF THE QUANTITIES WHICH HAVE ARRIVED IN COTONOU PORT DIRECTLY FROM THE DEL RIO, ONLY 5 TO 6 MT'S REMAIN WHICH WERE SPILLAGE REBAGGED IN RESEWN SACKS AT MR. COFFI'S INITIATIVE. THESE TOO WILL BE MOVING OUT SHORTLY TO NIGER. MR. COFFI INTENDS TO WIEGH THEM FOR AN EXACT FIX ON THE FINAL TONNAGE EXPEDITED. THE SACKS ARE ALREADY STACKED ON PALLETS AND APPEAR VERY WELL SEWN.

4. FOR GRAIN COMING ON DELTA PARAGUAY NOW ESTIMATED TO ARRIVE SEPT 5/6, MR. COFFIE FEELS HE CAN OFF-LOAD SOME 1,200 T DIRECTLY INTO OCDN WAGONS FOR TRIP NORTH. ALL FACILITIES ARE NOW STANDING BY IN COTONOU FOR ARRIVAL OF DELTA PARAGUAY. ANDERSON UNQUOTE RUSH

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